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Dear Sir

Yours of the 16th is at hand— Docr Benedict, the successor of Docr Brigham, is in every respect well qualified for the duties of his office— He is I believe acknowledged to be at the head of the Profession, in the United States, so far as diseases of the mind is concerned— He has had great experience, and great success and your friend in Canada, may rest assured, that at no institution for the insane, in the States, can so great advantages be enjoyed as at Utica under its present regimen— The only difficulty will be, that the great kindness, and great success of Doctor Benedict, has invited inmates from abroad and the institution is very full— But as to the place itself, I speak advisedly when I say, it affords the very highest advantages afforded any where in the present state of medical science — With the remembrance of Mrs Nott to Mrs Westcott

Very respectfully

Yours &c.

James R Westcott Esq

Eliphs Nott

Rec^d 25^th June 1851.

For Mr Papineau